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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
TERUAKI TAJI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: COLLINS, C.  
SERIAL NO: 09/810,506 :  
FILED: MARCH 19, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1638  
FOR: A METHOD FOR INCREASING :  
STRESS-RESISTANCE TO A PLANT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed March 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.